

Remarks

The Written Description has been amended to include a cross reference to the parent and grandparent applications. Claims 1 – 43 have been cancelled without prejudice. New claims 44 – 82 have been added. Antecedent basis for these new claims can be found in the Written Description at, e.g., page 1, lines 4 and 14 – 15, page 2, lines 8 – 9 and 22 – 26, page 3, lines 10 – 26, page 4, line 15 through page 5, line 25, page 6, lines 3 – 5, page 8, line 7 through page 9, line 2, page 9, line 18 and page 10, lines 4 and 24 – 25. An Information Disclosure Statement accompanies this Preliminary Amendment.

A continuation application containing additional method claims (Attorney Docket No. 117-P-1380USC3) is being filed the same day as the present application.

Favorable examination and allowance are requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this amendment or the line of demarcation between the present claims and applicants' other pending applications.

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